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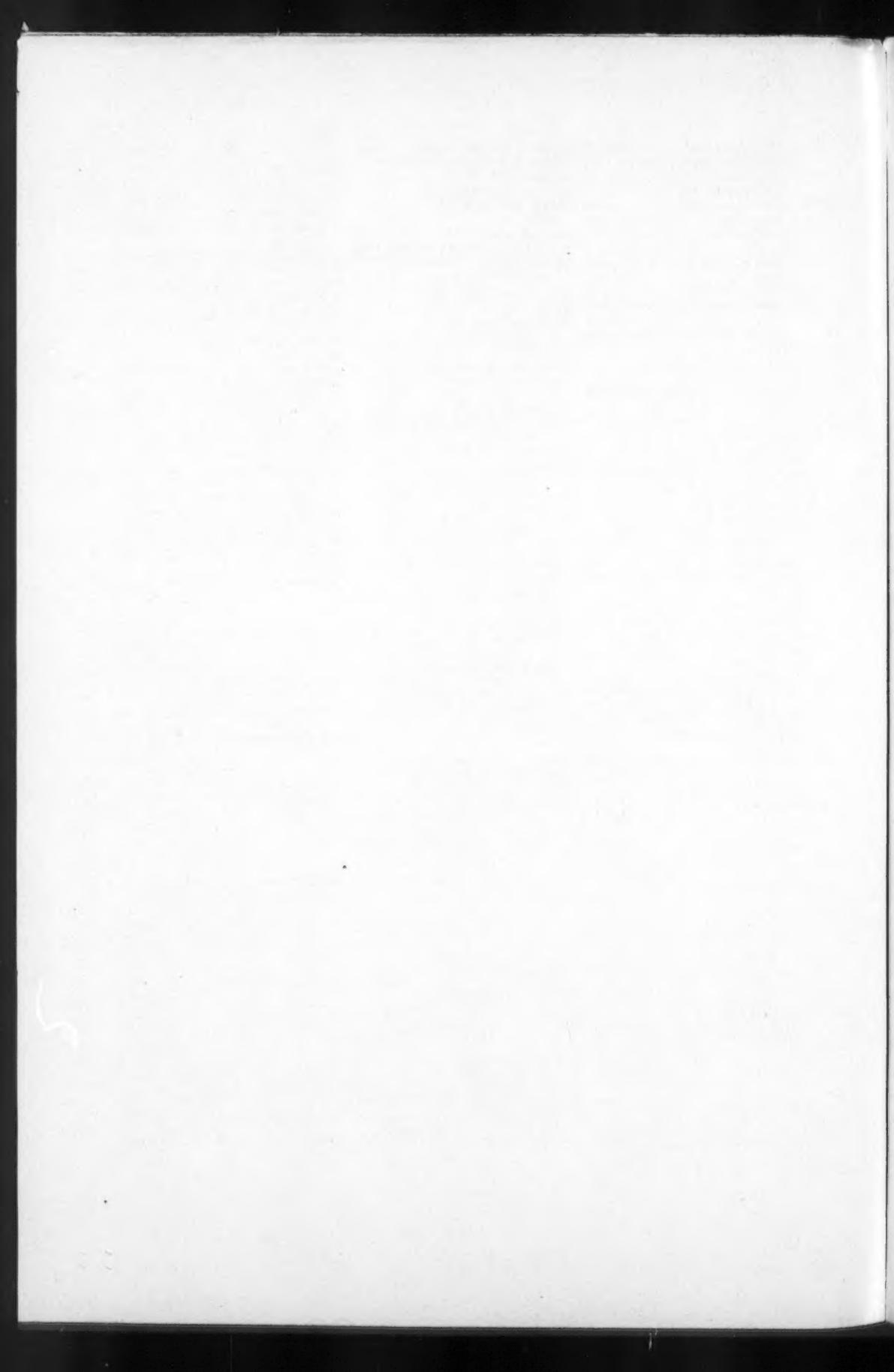
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QUESTIONNAIRE

RETROSPECT: Nineteen years ago your editor offered to publish the first two issues of a cactus journal to see how it would be received by the 200 (all local) Society members. Board members Dr. Houghton, Lee Chambers, G. A. Frick, Boyd L. Sloane, and R. E. Willis all endorsed the plan. After the first two numbers were issued, this small group faced the problem of financing the Journal until it could pay its own way. This active board produced yearly cactus shows and the proceeds were devoted to aiding the Journal. About this time Dr. R. W. Poindexter, E. M. Baxter, and Clarence Clum became active in this new Society.

The membership grew steadily but slowly and, because of the magazine, the Society added members from all States of the Union and foreign countries. After the Secretarship passed from Mr. Sloane, the troubles began and increased in proportion to the increasing correspondence. Shows, too, began to produce losses instead of profits. To save the Journal, the editor was asked to run it and to assume its financing.

Then appeared new, active blood in the Society ranks—W. T. Marshall, R. W. Kelly, Carl Brassfield, Mrs. Charles Place, R. S. Woods, and Mrs. Frank Cariss. Local regular meetings were discontinued and affiliated groups were authorized to carry on. Annual meetings held the Society together and a Convention made its debut just before the war.

With depressions and world-wide disturbances it seemed impossible to attain a thousand members until World War II broke out. With the editor devoting full time to the Journal and publishing books relating to cacti and succulents, the interest of collectors was maintained until today we approach a mailing list of 1500 subscribers.

Even with the increasing circulation, all of the receipts except advertising, going to support the Journal, the magazine is far from self-supporting*. If it were not the editor's brain child and closely linked with publishing cactus books, it is doubtful if the twenty-year goal would be attained. Why isn't the Journal self-supporting? First, because we are never satisfied with poorly printed, not illustrated, news sheets—we cannot resist pictures, color, and supplements. Second, costs have increased almost 100% besides the needs of a full-time secretary to handle correspondence, translations and the multitude of details that go unseen and unsung.

Part of the success of the Cactus and Succulent Journal, which has as large a circulation as all other cactus magazines combined, is due to placing the responsibility directly with one person whether it be the present editor or someone else. Boards come and go and a magazine cannot survive with changes of policy and the placing of responsibility. Your editor has been fortunate in always having the cooperation of Boards which are appreciative of his efforts in producing a consistent magazine. In return, the editor and his small staff of contributors have relieved the Board of any responsibility regarding the magazine.

*Financial report of the Journal for 1946: Receipts—\$3400.00 (average 1200 subscribers, including life and complimentary members, six months for \$1.00 trial subscriptions, \$2.00 subscriptions received from dealers, etc.). Average cost of Journal: \$240.00 per month or \$2880.00 per year (includes \$55.00 for halftones, \$20.00 postage, \$20.00 for photos and copy, \$145.00 for printing and material, per issue). Secretarial services \$1040.00 per year. Total cost \$3920.00, leaving a \$520.00 deficit in reward for the editor's 980 hours per year devoted to his hobby of editing!!!

After looking over the past and approaching the close of a twenty-year editorship we submit a questionnaire, the results of which may determine the trend of the future. Will you please fill in the questionnaire with your suggestions?

1. How has the Society (exclusive of the Journal benefited you?)
2. How could the Society benefit you?
3. Would you object to a 50c increase in Journal subscription price?
4. Would you approve a 50c or \$1.00 charge for Society membership?
5. Would you be glad to pay more for an enlarged Journal?
6. What articles do you enjoy the most?
7. What material would you discontinue?
8. What subjects would you like to see in the Journal?
9. Would you continue: Affiliate Notes.....? Cereusly Speaking.....? Spine Chats.....?
10. Would you like to see articles and pictures on other exotic plants such as orchids and begonias? Would you pay \$4.00 per year for an enlarged, better illustrated magazine of this type?
11. Do you want the supplements continued?
12. Do you feel that "Bluhende Kakteen" is valuable?
13. Do you enjoy the "Baltimore Cactus Journal"?
14. Would you like to see new books published on cacti and succulents?
15. Would you like to complete your set of Journals and if so what volumes do you need?
16. How would you increase the Journal circulation?
17. Would you subscribe \$7.50 per year additional for 16 color plates similar to those in full color in "Bluhende Kakteen"?
18. Would you purchase a copy of the revised edition of J. B. Borg's "Cacti" at \$7.50?

Remarks:

In answering this questionnaire, you may refer by number to the question instead of tearing out this sheet.

